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Interview Summary

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Examiner
Wilson Lee

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Wilson Lee

(3) Randy Noranbrock

(2) James Loughrey

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Date of Interview Dec 3, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No. If yes, brief description:

Inventor Loughrey showed his invention comprising opto-coupler, a CPU, a transformer, relays, switches, isolators, communication link connectors, a bus, an indicator LED on a single PCB in the use of operating fluorescent lamps.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-5, 7-18, 20-27, 32-36, and 39

Identification of prior art discussed:

Lys et al. (6,528,954)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Inventor Loughrey represented his invention in more details. Examiner Lee suggested him and his attorney to include all the limitations he showed during the interview into the claims and cancel the pending claims in order simplify the prosecution.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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